

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
26 April 2023
Our ref: 9629040

Thank you for your request received on 20 April 2023, for the following information:

Dear Barnet Borough Council,

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information act to obtain information regarding the use of Family Group Conferences, or similar meetings within your Children's Services and would be grateful for the following information please:

Are you holding Family Group Conferences, or similar meetings (if so what are they called) as a standard part of your process?

Do you provide this service of Family Group Conferences or similar meetings internally or use an external provider (if so which provider)?

How many Family Group Conferences or similar meetings do you hold on average per year?

I look forward to receiving your response in due course.

Yours faithfully,

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

Are you holding Family Group Conferences, or similar meetings (if so what are they called) as a standard part of your process?

YES

Do you provide this service of Family Group Conferences or similar meetings internally or use an external provider (if so which provider)?

Externally commissioned provider 'Your Family Matters'

How many Family Group Conferences or similar meetings do you hold on average per year?

Average of 30

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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